WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for scanning an image via an Internet receiver, comprising:

automatically detecting said image;

automatically acquiring at least a portion of said image in electronic format; and

performing at least one function with said image in said electronic format via said Internet receiver.

2. A method as in claim 1, wherein performing said at least one function comprises automatically performing at least one pre-selected function.

3. A method as in claim 1, further comprising manually selecting said at least one function.

4. A method as in claim 1, further comprising acquiring a final scan of said image after performing said at least one function.

5. A method as in claim 1, wherein performing said at least one function comprises performing at least one of the following functions: editing said image in said electronic format, displaying said image in said electronic format, and transmitting said image in said electronic format over a network.

6. A system for scanning an image via an Internet receiver, comprising:

a scanner linked to said Internet receiver, said scanner automatically detecting said image and acquiring at least a portion of said image in electronic format;

a control module for said Internet receiver, comprising:

computer readable storage media;

computer readable program code stored on said computer readable storage media, comprising:

a) program code for receiving said image in said electronic format from said scanner; and

b) program code for performing at least one function with said image in said electronic format via said Internet receiver.

7. A system as in claim 6, wherein said scanner is linked to said Internet receiver via a unidirectional link.

8. A system as in claim 6, wherein said scanner is linked to said Internet receiver via a bi-directional link.

9. A system as in claim 6, wherein at least a portion of said scanner is housed together with said Internet receiver in a set-top device.

10. A system as in claim 6, wherein at least a portion of said scanner is housed together with said Internet receiver in a display device.

11. A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for automatically setting-up said scanner for operation via said Internet receiver.

12. A system as in claim 6, wherein at least part of said computer readable program code is downloaded to said Internet receiver from a network site on an as-needed basis.

13. A system as in claim 6, wherein said computer readable program code resides at least in part at a network site to conserve memory at said Internet receiver.

14. A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for pre-selecting said at least one function.

15. A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for receiving a manual selection of said at least one function after said image is detected.

16. A system as in claim 6, wherein said program code for performing said at least one function comprises program code for performing at least one of the following functions: editing said image in said electronic format, displaying said image in said electronic format, and transmitting said image in said electronic format over a network.

17. A system as in claim 6, further comprising program code for acquiring a final scan of said image after said at least one function is performed.

18. A system as in claim 6, further comprising a maintenance component comprising program code for configuring said control module.

19. A system for scanning an image via an Internet receiver, comprising:

a scanner housed together with said Internet receiver for automatically detecting said image, and for automatically acquiring said image in electronic format;

a control module for receiving said image in said electronic format from said scanner, and for performing at least one function with said image in said electronic format via said Internet receiver.

20. A system as in claim 19, further comprising a maintenance module for setting up and configuring said scanner.